

Evidence for Ballistic Thermal Conduction in the One-Dimensional $S = 1/2$ Heisenberg Antiferromagnetic Spin System Sr_2CuO_3

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We have measured the thermal conductivity of the one-dimensional (1D) $S = 1/2$ Heisenberg antiferromagnetic spin system of $\text{Sr}_2\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{Pd}_x\text{O}_3$ single crystals including nonmagnetic impurities of Pd^{2+} . It has been found that the mean free path of spinons along the 1D spin chain at low temperatures is very close to the average length of finite spin chains between spin defects estimated from the magnetic susceptibility measurements. This proves that the thermal conduction due to spinons at low temperatures in Sr_2CuO_3 is ballistic as theoretically expected [Zotos *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **55** (1997) 11029].

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1. Introduction

Recently, thermal conductivity in low-dimensional quantum spin systems with the spin quantum number $S = 1/2$ has attracted interest, because the thermal conductivity due to spin excitations, κ_{spin} , has been found to be high in various materials, such as the 2-leg spin ladder system $\text{Sr}_{14}\text{Cu}_{24}\text{O}_{41}$,^{1–5} one-dimensional (1D) antiferromagnetic (AF) spin systems Sr_2CuO_3 ,^{6,7} SrCuO_2 ,⁷ Bechgaard salts⁸ and $\text{BaCu}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7$.⁹ It has been found that one of essential factors of high κ_{spin} is a large bandwidth of the spin excitations bringing on a high velocity of the spin excitations and that the AF correlation between the nearest neighboring spins is more suitable for high κ_{spin} than the ferromagnetic one.¹⁰ However, the mechanism of κ_{spin} in low-dimensional quantum spin systems has not been understood fully.

Accordingly to the theoretical study using the Kubo formula,¹¹ it has been predicted that the thermal conduction due to spin excitations is ballistic at finite temperatures in 1D spin systems with $S = 1/2$ described by integrable Hamiltonian's, because the heat flow is a conserved quantity.^{12–16} That is, in these systems, the thermal conductivity due to spin excitations, namely, due to spinons possessing $S = 1/2$, κ_{spinon} , is expected to be very high,

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because the mean free path of spinons, l_{spinon} , is infinite in the ideal case. In spin systems described by non-integrable Hamiltonian's, on the other hand, it has been predicted that the thermal conduction due to spins is diffusive and that l_{spinon} is comparable to the distance between the nearest neighboring spins in the high temperature limit.

As for Sr_2CuO_3 , it has been found from magnetic susceptibility,^{17,18} specific heat¹⁸ and midinfrared optical absorption measurements¹⁹ that the intrachain exchange interaction, J , is as large as more than 2000 K. On the other hand, the interchain exchange interaction, J' , is as small as $\sim 10^{-4}J$, according to the estimate from the AF transition temperature, T_N , ~ 5.4 K^{20,21} using the simple relation, $T_N \sim \sqrt[3]{J \times J'^2}$. Therefore, Sr_2CuO_3 is regarded as an almost ideal 1D $S = 1/2$ Heisenberg AF spin system described by the integrable Hamiltonian,

$$H = J \sum_i \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_{i+1}. \quad (1)$$

Actually, a high κ_{spinon} has been observed in Sr_2CuO_3 , as mentioned above.^{6,7} The contribution of κ_{spinon} to the thermal conductivity in Sr_2CuO_3 is characterized by a clear shoulder around 70 K in the temperature dependence of the thermal conductivity along the direction parallel to the spin chain only. The existence of the ballistic thermal conduction due to spinons has been insisted from the analysis of l_{spinon} . Besides, it has been reported from the NMR measurement of Sr_2CuO_3 that the spin-diffusion constant related to κ_{spinon} is very large,^{22,23} though there is a report that the spin transport is diffusive at finite temperatures.²⁴ Moreover, a similar large spin-diffusion constant has also been obtained from the NMR experiment in the 1D $S = 1/2$ AF spin chain system $\alpha\text{-VO}(\text{PO}_3)_2$.²⁵

According to the discussion by Sologubenko *et al.*^{6,7} their insistence on the existence of the ballistic thermal conduction due to spinons in Sr_2CuO_3 is based on the result that the characteristic temperature of the spinon scattering is the order of the Debye temperature, Θ_D . It may follow the major scattering is spinon-phonon scattering rather than spinon-spinon scattering, but it seems too rough to insist that the thermal conduction due to spinons is ballistic because of the absence of the spinon-spinon scattering. Therefore it is not clear whether the thermal conduction due to spinons is ballistic or not. In this paper, in order to confirm the ballistic nature of the thermal conduction due to spinons in Sr_2CuO_3 , we have grown $\text{Sr}_2\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{Pd}_x\text{O}_3$ single crystals with $x = 0, 0.004, 0.010$ including nonmagnetic impurities of Pd^{2+} , in which the average length of finite spin chains between spin defects, L_{imp} , is expected to decrease with increasing x . We have measured the thermal conductivity along the b -axis parallel to the 1D spin chain, κ_b , and along the a -axis perpendicular to the 1D spin chain, κ_a . We have measured the specific heat to estimate the value of Θ_D and the specific heat of spinons, C_{spinon} . We have also measured the magnetic susceptibility to estimate the amount of spin defects. Then, we have compared the value of l_{spinon} estimated from κ_{spinon} and C_{spinon} with L_{imp} estimated from the magnetic susceptibility measurements. As a result, it

has been found that the value of l_{spinon} at low temperatures is very close to the value of L_{imp} , meaning that spinons are moving along the spin chain between spin defects without being scattered at low temperatures. This proves that the thermal conduction due to spinons at low temperatures in Sr_2CuO_3 is ballistic. The preliminary results have already been reported in our previous paper.²⁶

2. Experimental

Single crystals of $\text{Sr}_2\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{Pd}_x\text{O}_3$ with $x = 0, 0.004, 0.010$ were grown by the Traveling-Solvent Floating-Zone (TSFZ) method. In order to prepare the feed rod for the TSFZ growth, first, we prepared polycrystalline powder of $\text{Sr}_2\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{Pd}_x\text{O}_3$ by the solid-state reaction method. The prescribed amount of SrCO_3 , CuO and PdO powders with 99.9 % purity was mixed, ground, and prefired at 800°C in air for 24 h. After pulverization, the prefired powder was mixed and sintered at 1030°C in air for 24 h with several times of intermediate grinding. After thorough grinding, the powder was isostatically cold pressed at 2.6 kbar into a rod of 7 mm in diameter and ~ 120 mm in length. Then, the rod was prefired at 800°C in air for 12 h and sintered at 1040°C in air for 24 h. As a result, a tightly and densely sintered feed rod was prepared. As $\text{Sr}_2\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{Pd}_x\text{O}_3$ melts incongruently,²⁷ solvent disks with the composition of $\text{Sr} : \text{Cu} : \text{Pd} = 45 : 55(1 - x) : 55x$ in the molar ratio were prepared in a similar way. The sintering was performed at 800°C in air for 12 h. The TSFZ growth was carried out in flowing O_2 gas of 1 bar in an infrared heating furnace. The rotation speed of the upper and lower shafts was 15 rpm in the opposite direction. The zone traveling was 1.0 mm/h. The grown crystals were annealed at 870°C for 72 h in flowing Ar gas of 1 bar in order to remove excess oxygen. The crystals were characterized using x-ray back-Laue photography and were confirmed to be a single phase by powder x-ray diffraction. The chemical composition of the crystal was determined by inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES) and confirmed to be the same as the nominal composition.

Thermal conductivity measurements were carried out by the conventional steady-state method. One side of a rectangular single-crystal, whose typical dimensions were $3.5 \times 0.8 \times 0.8 \text{ mm}^3$, was anchored on the copper heat sink with indium solder. A chip-resistance of 1 k Ω (Alpha Electronics Corp. MP1K000) was attached as a heater to the opposite side of the single crystal with GE7031 varnish. The temperature difference across the crystal (0.02 – 1.0 K) was measured with two Cernox thermometers (Lake Shore Cryotronics, Inc. CX-1050-SD). The specific heat was measured by the thermal relaxation technique using a PPMS (Quantum Design, Model PPMS). The magnetic susceptibility was measured using a SQUID magnetometer (Quantum Design, Model MPMS).

3. Results and Discussion

3.1 Magnetic susceptibility

Figure 1 shows the temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibility, χ , along the three principal axes of $\text{Sr}_2\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{Pd}_x\text{O}_3$ with $x = 0, 0.004, 0.010$. It is found that χ is almost constant at high temperatures and increases with decreasing temperature at low temperatures below 50 K. The χ is so anisotropic that the value of χ along the c -axis is larger than those along the a - and b -axes. The increase of χ at low temperatures is Curie-like and becomes marked with increasing x . These behaviors of χ are similar to those reported in the literature.^{17,18,28}

The experimental data of χ are well fitted using the following equation as in the former report:¹⁸

$$\chi = \chi_{\text{Curie}} + \chi_{\text{spin}} + \chi_0, \quad (2)$$

where χ_{Curie} is the Curie term, χ_{spin} is the contribution of spin chains and χ_0 is a constant term due to the Van Vleck paramagnetism and the ion-core diamagnetism. The χ_{Curie} is given by

$$\chi_{\text{Curie}} = \frac{N_A g^2 \mu_B^2 S(S+1) x_{\text{Curie}}}{3k_B(T - \theta)}, \quad (3)$$

where N_A is Avogadro's number, g the g-factor, μ_B the Bohr magneton, x_{Curie} the concentration of free spins per Cu, k_B the Boltzmann constant and θ the Weiss temperature. The χ_{spin} is given by the following equation proposed by Eggert *et al.*²⁹ for the 1D $S = 1/2$ Heisenberg AF spin system at low temperatures of $k_B T \ll J$:

$$\chi_{\text{spin}} = \frac{1}{\pi^2 J} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2 \ln(T_0/T)} \right), \quad (4)$$

where J is the nearest neighbor exchange interaction and T_0 is a parameter depending on the second nearest neighbor exchange interaction. In the fitting we assume that $T_0 = 7.7J$ which is true in the case that the second nearest neighbor exchange interaction is neglected. The value of the ion-core diamagnetism is put at -10.7×10^{-5} emu/mol.³⁰ The value of the Van Vleck paramagnetism is fixed at 4.7×10^{-5} emu/mol for the a - and b -axes and 9.7×10^{-5} emu/mol for the c -axis, because its accurate value is not obtained from the fitting. Although the fixation of the χ_0 value in the fitting enhances the uncertainty of the obtained value of J , it is noted that the change of χ_0 and J values does not affect the value of the Curie term so much, because the Curie term is sensitive to only the increase of the magnetic susceptibility at low temperatures.

The best-fit results are shown by solid lines in Fig. 1. Parameters obtained from the best fit are listed in Table I. The value of J is estimated to be 1900 ± 300 K. This value is slightly smaller than that in the former report,¹⁸ which may be due to the difference of the fitting temperature-range. Values of θ show no systematic change in correspondence with the Pd^{2+}

doping, as in the former report.²⁸ The value of x_{Curie} is found to be about a half of the Pd concentration, x . This is reasonably explained as follows. That is, in a 1D AF spin system, the Curie term originates from free spins due to finite spin segments separated by spin defects such as Pd^{2+} , lattice defects and unintended impurities.³¹ Therefore, there exist finite spin segments with a free spin of $S = 1/2$ composed of an odd number of spins (called odd spin segments) and those with $S = 0$ composed of an even number of spins (called even spin segments). An even spin segment is divided by one spin-defect into an even spin segment and an odd spin segment. On the other hand, an odd spin segment is divided by one spin-defect into two even segments or two odd segments. Therefore, one free spin of $S = 1/2$ is induced, on average, by two spin-defects.³² Accordingly, it is reasonable that the value of x_{Curie} is about a half of x . The average length of finite spin chains, namely, L_{imp} can be calculated from the following equation:

$$L_{\text{imp}} = \frac{c}{2x_{\text{Curie}}}, \quad (5)$$

where x_{Curie} is the average value of x_{Curie} 's in each x and c is the lattice parameter along the c -axis; $c = 3.499$ Å. Values of L_{imp} are listed in Table III, using the average value of x_{Curie} 's obtained from the magnetic susceptibility measurements in fields parallel to the three principal axes.

3.2 Specific heat

Figure 2 shows the temperature dependence of the specific heat, C , of Sr_2CuO_3 . It is found that C exhibits a small peak around 5 K which is in good agreement with T_{N} observed in the neutron scattering²¹ and μSR measurements.^{20,21} Since there is no electronic contribution to C in Sr_2CuO_3 , C is given by the sum of the magnetic specific heat due to spin chains, namely, C_{spinon} and the specific heat of phonons, C_{phonon} , as the follows:

$$C = C_{\text{spinon}} + C_{\text{phonon}}. \quad (6)$$

The C_{spinon} is given by the following equation based on the 1D AF Heisenberg model with $S = 1/2$ at low temperatures of $k_{\text{B}}T \ll J$.³³

$$C_{\text{spinon}} = \frac{2N_{\text{s}}k_{\text{B}}^2}{3J}T, \quad (7)$$

where N_{s} is the number of spins. The C_{phonon} is given by the following equation based on the Debye model:

$$C_{\text{phonon}} = \frac{12\pi^4 N k_{\text{B}}}{5\Theta_{\text{D}}^3} T^3 + \delta T^5, \quad (8)$$

where N is the number of atoms and δ is the coefficient of the anharmonic term. The data of C at low temperatures above T_{N} are well fitted using Eqs. (6) – (8), as shown by the solid line in Fig. 2. Values of the best-fit parameters are $J = 2634 \pm 150$ K, $\Theta_{\text{D}} = 470.8 \pm 8.2$ K and $\delta = 1.2 \pm 0.2 \times 10^{-7}$ J/K⁶ mol. These values are comparable with those in the former report,

respectively.⁶ However, the value of J is a little larger than that estimated from magnetic susceptibility measurements, which may be due to the difference of the fitting temperature-range between the two kinds of measurement.

3.3 Thermal conductivity

Figure 3 shows the temperature dependence of κ_b along the spin chain of $\text{Sr}_2\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{Pd}_x\text{O}_3$ with (a) $x = 0$, (b) $x = 0.004$ and (c) $x = 0.010$. The temperature dependence of κ_a perpendicular to the spin chain in $x = 0$ is also shown in the inset of Fig. 3 (a). For $x = 0$, it is found that κ_a increases with decreasing temperature and exhibits a peak around 25 K. This is a typical behavior of the thermal conductivity due to phonons, κ_{phonon} . On the other hand, κ_b increases with decreasing temperature and exhibits a small shoulder due to κ_{spinon} around 70 K in addition to the peak due to κ_{phonon} around 25 K. These behaviors are similar to those in the former report.^{6,7} For $x = 0.004, 0.010$, both the peak around 25 K and the small shoulder around 70 K are suppressed by the Pd^{2+} doping. These results indicate that both phonons and spinons are scattered by nonmagnetic impurities of Pd^{2+} so that their mean free paths become short.

Here, we estimate κ_{spinon} . For this purpose, at first, the estimate of κ_{phonon} is necessary. The κ_{phonon} is given by the following equation based on the Debye model.³⁴

$$\kappa_{\text{phonon}} = \frac{k_B}{2\pi^2 v_{\text{phonon}}} \left(\frac{k_B T}{\hbar} \right)^3 \int_0^{\Theta_D/T} \frac{x^4 e^x}{(e^x - 1)^2} \tau_{\text{phonon}} dx, \quad (9)$$

where $x = \hbar\omega/k_B T$, ω is the phonon angular frequency, \hbar the Planck constant, v_{phonon} the phonon velocity and τ_{phonon} the relaxation time of the phonon scattering. The v_{phonon} is calculated as

$$v_{\text{phonon}} = \frac{k_B \Theta_D}{\hbar} (6\pi^2 n)^{-1/3}, \quad (10)$$

where n is the number density of atoms. The phonon scattering rate, $\tau_{\text{phonon}}^{-1}$, is assumed to be given by the sum of scattering rates due to various scattering processes as follows,

$$\tau_{\text{phonon}}^{-1} = \frac{v_{\text{phonon}}}{L_b} + A\omega^4 + B\omega^2 T \exp\left(-\frac{\Theta_D}{bT}\right), \quad (11)$$

where L_b , A , B and b are fitting parameters. The first term represents the phonon scattering by boundaries; the second, the phonon scattering by point defects; the third, the phonon-phonon scattering in the umklapp process. Using Eqs. (9) – (11) and putting Θ_D at 470.8 K from the specific heat measurements, the data of κ_a in $x = 0$ are well fitted, as shown by the solid line in the inset of Fig. 3 (a). The estimated κ_{phonon} in κ_b is performed by the fit of the data of κ_b at low temperatures below 25 K with Eqs. (9) – (11). In the fitting, Θ_D is put at 470.8 K. Values of B and b are put at the same values as these used for the fit of κ_a in $x = 0$, respectively, because the phonon-phonon scattering in the umklapp process seems neither to be affected by the direction nor by the slight doping of Pd^{2+} so much. The adjusting parameters are only L_b and A , which depend on the phonon scattering by boundaries and

by point defects, respectively. Then, κ_{spinon} is estimated by subtracting the fitting curve of κ_{phonon} from the data of κ_{b} , as shown by dashed lines in Fig. 3. Here, it is noted that κ_{spinon} is a little underestimated, because κ_{spinon} is neglected at low temperatures below 25 K. Values of the parameters used for the best fit are listed in Table II. These are comparable with those in the former report.^{3,6,7,9} It is found that the value of A increases with increasing x . This is reasonable, because phonons are scattered by substituted Pd^{2+} ions.

Next, we estimate l_{spinon} using the following equation,

$$\kappa_{\text{spinon}} = C_{\text{spinon}} v_{\text{spinon}} l_{\text{spinon}}, \quad (12)$$

where v_{spinon} is the velocity of spinons. The v_{spinon} is given by the following equation based on the des Cloizeaux-Pearson mode at low temperatures of $k_{\text{B}}T \ll J$:³⁵

$$v_{\text{spinon}} = \frac{\pi J a}{2\hbar}, \quad (13)$$

where a is the distance between the nearest neighboring spins in the chain. Therefore, l_{spinon} is calculated using Eq. (7) as follows,

$$l_{\text{spinon}} = \frac{3\hbar}{\pi N_{\text{s}} a k_{\text{B}}^2 T} \kappa_{\text{spinon}}. \quad (14)$$

Figure 4 shows the temperature dependence of l_{spinon} obtained thus and L_{imp} estimated from the magnetic susceptibility measurements. It is found that l_{spinon} increases with decreasing temperature and seems to be saturated at low temperatures. Since κ_{spinon} is neglected at low temperatures below 25 K in this analysis as mentioned above, values of l_{spinon} at low temperatures are uncertain. Therefore, values of l_{spinon} at low temperatures are estimated as shown by solid lines in Fig. 4, by fitting the data of l_{spinon} at high temperatures above 55 K with the following simple equation:^{6,7,9}

$$l_{\text{spinon}}^{-1} = A_{\text{s}} T \exp(-T^*/T) + L^{-1}, \quad (15)$$

where A_{s} , T^* and L are fitting parameters. The first term is due to the spinon-phonon and/or spinon-spinon scattering in the umklapp process and T^* is the characteristic temperature. The second term is due to the spinon scattering by spin defects. The value of L corresponds to the saturated value of l_{spinon} at low temperatures. Parameters obtained from the best fit are listed in Table III. It is found that the value of A_{s} increases with increasing x . Since the Pd^{2+} doping is guessed to induce local phonons scattering spinons around Pd^{2+} , the spinon-phonon interaction may increase with increasing x . To our surprise in Table III, values of L decrease with increasing x and are very close to those of L_{imp} , respectively. This means that l_{spinon} at low temperatures is approximately limited by L_{imp} . That is, the thermal conduction due to spinons is limited at low temperatures only by scattering by spin defects. Accordingly, it is concluded that the thermal conduction due to spinons at low temperatures is ballistic as theoretically expected.^{12–16}

4. Conclusion

We have measured the thermal conductivity, magnetic susceptibility and specific heat of $\text{Sr}_2\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{Pd}_x\text{O}_3$ single crystals with $x = 0, 0.004$ and 0.010 which are regarded as an 1D $S = 1/2$ Heisenberg AF spin system described by an integrable Hamiltonian, in order to prove the theoretical prediction that the thermal conduction due to spinons is ballistic. In this system, the length of the spin chain between spin defects is controlled by the doping of nonmagnetic impurities of Pd^{2+} . We have estimated the average length of finite spin chains between spin defects, L_{imp} , from the magnetic susceptibility measurements and the mean free path of spinons, l_{spinon} , from the thermal conductivity measurements using the Debye temperature estimated from the specific heat measurement. It has been found that values of l_{spinon} at low temperatures for $x = 0, 0.004$ and 0.010 are very close to those of L_{imp} , respectively. This means that spinons carry heat along the spin chain between spin defects without being scattered at low temperatures. Accordingly, our results strongly support the theoretical prediction that the thermal conduction due to spinons in 1D $S = 1/2$ spin systems described by integrable Hamiltonian's is ballistic.

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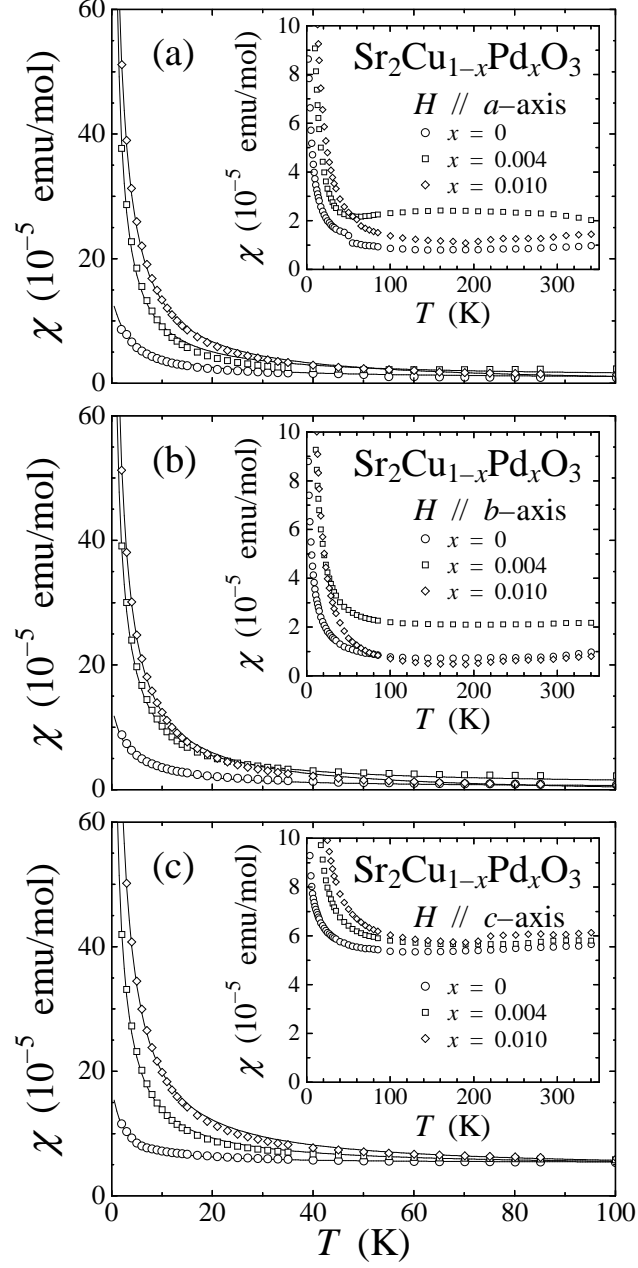


Fig. 1. Temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibility, χ , of $\text{Sr}_2\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{Pd}_x\text{O}_3$ with $x = 0, 0.004, 0.010$ in a magnetic field of 1 T parallel to (a) the a -axis, (b) b -axis and (c) c -axis. Solid lines indicate the best-fit results using Eqs. (2) – (4).

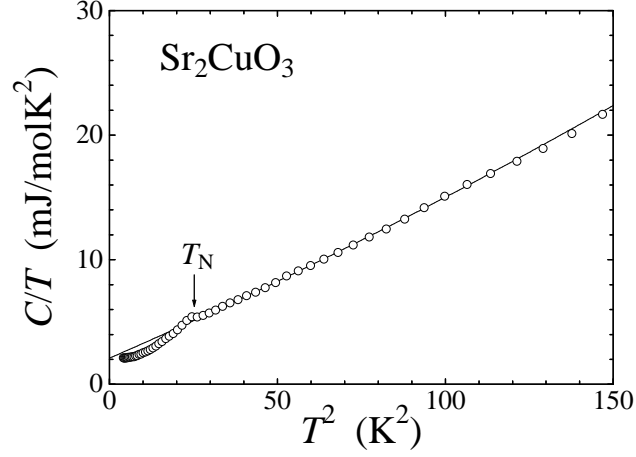


Fig. 2. Temperature dependence of the specific heat, C , of Sr_2CuO_3 . The solid line is the best-fit result using Eqs. (6) – (8).

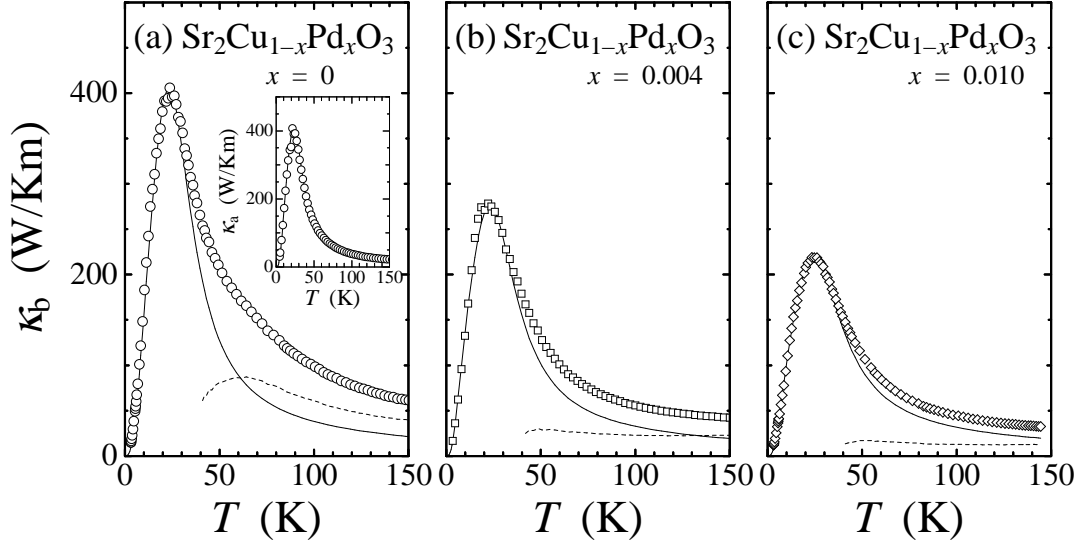


Fig. 3. Temperature dependence of the thermal conductivity along the b -axis parallel to the spin chain, κ_b , of $\text{Sr}_2\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{Pd}_x\text{O}_3$ with (a) $x = 0$, (b) 0.004, (c) 0.010. The inset shows the temperature dependence of the thermal conductivity along the a -axis perpendicular to the spin chain, κ_a , of Sr_2CuO_3 . Solid lines are κ_{phonon} estimated using Eqs. (9) – (11) on the Debye model. Dashed lines are κ_{spinon} obtained by subtracting κ_{phonon} from κ_b .

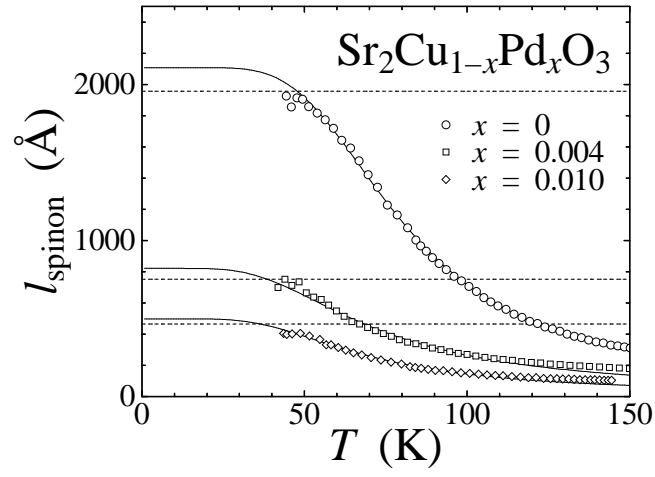


Fig. 4. Temperature dependence of the mean free path of spinons, l_{spinon} , of $\text{Sr}_2\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{Pd}_x\text{O}_3$ with $x = 0, 0.004, 0.010$. Solid lines are the best-fit results using Eq. (15). Dashed lines are the average length between spin defects, L_{imp} , estimated from the magnetic susceptibility measurements for $x = 0$ (upper), 0.004 (middle), 0.010 (lower).

Table I. Parameters used for the fit of the temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibility, χ , in $\text{Sr}_2\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{Pd}_x\text{O}_3$ with Eqs. (2) – (4).

x	axis	x_{Curie}	θ (K)	J (K)
0	a	0.0013(1)	-3.54(14)	1680(7)
	b	0.0011(1)	-2.99(4)	1780(2)
	c	0.0007(1)	-1.97(13)	1800(7)
0.004	a	0.0024(1)	-0.35(12)	1650(44)
	b	0.0028(1)	-0.71(9)	1720(29)
	c	0.0027(1)	-0.65(7)	2010(37)
0.010	a	0.0040(1)	-0.88(6)	1980(40)
	b	0.0039(1)	-0.74(6)	2230(51)
	c	0.0046(1)	-0.77(6)	2220(62)

Table II. Parameters used for the fit of the temperature dependence of the thermal conductivity, κ , in $\text{Sr}_2\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{Pd}_x\text{O}_3$ with Eqs. (9) – (11).

x	axis	L_b (m)	A (s ³)	B (s/K)	b
0	a	6.00×10^{-4}	1.38×10^{-44}	2.70×10^{-18}	3.49
	b	6.00×10^{-4}	1.38×10^{-44}	2.70×10^{-18}	3.49
0.004	b	9.00×10^{-4}	3.96×10^{-44}	2.70×10^{-18}	3.49
0.010	b	5.90×10^{-4}	4.57×10^{-44}	2.70×10^{-18}	3.49

Table III. Parameters used for the fitting of the temperature dependence of the mean free path of spinons, l_{spinon} , with Eq. (15) in $\text{Sr}_2\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{Pd}_x\text{O}_3$. The average value of the concentration of free spins per Cu, x_{Curie} , and the average length between spin defects, L_{imp} , estimated from the magnetic susceptibility measurements are also listed.

x	x_{Curie}	L_{imp} (Å)	L (Å)	A_s (s/K)	T^* (K)
0	0.0010	1960	2110 ± 26	$8.89 \pm 0.47 \times 10^{-5}$	227 ± 5
0.004	0.0026	753	821 ± 83	$10.1 \pm 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$	136 ± 22
0.010	0.0042	466	498 ± 60	$20.9 \pm 4.2 \times 10^{-5}$	145 ± 24